

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A system for providing a mobile telephone service on board a vehicle, said system being connected to a public land mobile network via a satellite and including means for setting up at least one transport connection between said vehicle and said public land mobile network before receiving a call request and for then using said transport connection for a call as soon as a request to set up a call is received.

2. (Currently Amended) The system claimed in claim 1 wherein said transport connection remains in a standby state after being set up until said request to set up a call is received.

3. (Currently Amended) The system claimed in claim 1 wherein the duration of said transport connection is limited and is automatically reactivated in accordance with a time-delay.

4. (Original) The system claimed in claim 1 wherein said vehicles are aircraft.

5. (Previously Presented) A method for providing mobile telephone service on board a vehicle, wherein a mobile telephone is connected to a public land mobile network via a satellite, and wherein said method comprises:

setting up at least one transport connection between said mobile telephone and said public land mobile network before receiving a call request; and

using said transport connection for a call as soon as a request to set up a call is received.

6. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 5, wherein said transport connection remains in a standby state if no requests to set up a call are pending.

7. (Currently Amended) The method claimed in claim 5, wherein the duration of said transport connection is limited and is automatically reactivated in accordance with a time-delay.

8. (Previously Presented) The method claimed in claim 5, wherein said vehicles are aircraft.

9. (New) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein said transport connection can be used without further selection process when said request to set up a call is received.

10. (New) The system claimed in claim 1, wherein said transport connection is a connection for a single call.

11. (New) The method claimed in claim 5, wherein said transport connection can be used without further selection process when said request to set up a call is received.

12. (New) The method claimed in claim 1, wherein said transport connection is a connection for a single call.

13. (New) The system claimed in claim 2, wherein said transport connection consumes substantially no resources in said standby state.

14. (New) The method claimed in claim 6, wherein said transport connection consumes substantially no resources in said standby state.